

future. We may reach a point where somebody decides that the answer is to exchange nuclear weapons and to go to war, and if that happens and I don't trust the Russians enough to think that it won't happen, then really are we better off with that scenario than one where we try to arrange a treaty that we do have agreements on verifying and that we do have agreements on monitoring and deal with it in an upright fashion? I think if you don't trust the Russians, to allow the present arms race to continue only makes the situation worse. If you don't trust the Russians, the thing to do is to take away from them their weapons, to take away the threat that they pose to our world and to try and ease down the potential destructive power that they have. That is what you do with somebody you don't trust. If you are facing a situation where there is a criminal out there and law enforcement on the other side, that criminal has weaponry and you are trying to fight off the threat that they pose, the first thing you do is negotiate. You try and get them to give up their arms and come forward or at least to try and work out some arrangement so somebody doesn't get hurt. Negotiations are the first step you take, but in negotiation you don't try and work out where, well, okay, we will negotiate so you get a few more weapons and we will bring in a few more weapons and your standoff only becomes more dangerous if you take that approach. Negotiations should take place where that negotiation should be to stop the high level of risk that you are facing and try to reduce that level of risk, reduce the weaponry, not increase it. And that is the approach we are suggesting we take now. It is logical. It is common sense and it is something that we ought to try but haven't yet. My sense is that a lot of people are going to want to talk on the issue and I don't want to take anymore time. Senator DeCamp will be closing and others will be debating the issue. I would like to suggest for you that we follow the advice of Robert Frost and I am going to follow Senator Landis' example and read to you some poetry. I am going to read the first and last paragraphs of the famous poem, "The Road Not Taken", by Robert Frost. I think it eloquently speaks to the decision we are facing today. We are at a crossroad and we have two choices. We have one of escalation and we have one of freezing and then reducing our nuclear weaponry. I think we ought to choose the path we haven't taken before of negotiating a freeze and reducing our weaponry rather than continuing on the path of increasing our nuclear arms. And so I read to you from Robert Frost. "Two roads diverge in a